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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

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For: DETERMINING THE EFFECTS OF  
NEW TYPES OF IMPAIRMENTS ON  
PERCEIVED QUALITY OF A VOICE  
SERVICE**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly and independently considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the application and prior to issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, therefore, no fee is due.

A copy of US 6,111,949 is being submitted herewith. However, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), no other copy of any patent, publication, pending U.S. application or other information listed in this information disclosure statement is required to be provided, as the information was previously submitted to, or cited by, the Office in earlier Application No. 09/778,186, filed February 7, 2001, and Application No. 09/220,733, filed December 24, 1998.

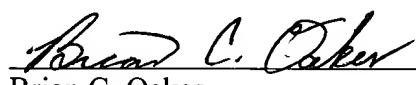
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It is respectfully requested that the documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement be independently considered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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